

Office of the Secretary of Defense

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agreement with the Surgeon General, and to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps (NOAA Corps) by agreement with the Director, NOAA Corps.

§ 65.3 Definitions.

Unless otherwise noted, these terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this part:

Active duty. For the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the term “active duty” is defined in 38 U.S.C. 3301(1).

Affiliation kicker. Supplemental educational assistance that may be offered by the Secretary of a Military Department to the monthly amount of educational assistance otherwise payable to an individual pursuant to paragraph (1)(B), or to paragraphs (2) through (7) (as applicable), of 38 U.S.C. 3313(c), to a Service member who is separating honorably from a regular component and who agrees to serve in the Selected Reserve in a skill, specialty, or unit in which there is a critical shortage of personnel or for which it is difficult to recruit and/or retain.

Enlistment kicker. Supplemental educational assistance that may be offered by a Secretary of a Military Department to the monthly amount of educational assistance otherwise payable to an individual pursuant to paragraph (1)(B), or to paragraphs (2) through (7) (as applicable), of 38 U.S.C. 3313(c), who initially enlists in a regular component in a skill or specialty in which there is a critical shortage of personnel or for which it is difficult to recruit.

Family member. A spouse or child as codified in 38 U.S.C. 101 who is enrolled in Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS).

Kickers. Supplemental educational assistance that may be offered by a Secretary of a Military Department to the monthly amount of educational assistance otherwise payable to an individual pursuant to paragraph (1)(B), or to paragraphs (2) through (7) (as applicable), of 38 U.S.C. 3313(c).

Reenlistment kicker. Supplemental educational assistance that may be offered by a Secretary of a Military Department to the monthly amount of educational assistance otherwise payable to an individual pursuant to para-

graph (1)(B), or to paragraphs (2) through (7) (as applicable), of 38 U.S.C. 3313(c), to a member who, after completing 5 or more years of continuous service, signs an agreement to remain on active duty for a period of at least 2 years.

Secretary Concerned. For a member of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard when it is operating as a Service of the Department of the Navy, the term means the Secretary of the Military Department with jurisdiction over that Service member. For a member of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is operating as a Service of the DHS, the term means the Secretary of Homeland Security. For a member of the PHS, the term means the Surgeon General. For a member of the NOAA Corps, the term means the Director, NOAA Corps.

Service member. An individual serving on active duty or in the Selected Reserve. Does not include other members of the Ready Reserve (such as the Individual Ready Reserve, standby Reserve, or retired Service members, unless they are serving on active duty.) For purposes of § 65.6, includes members of the PHS and members of the NOAA Corps.

§ 65.4 Policy.

It is DoD policy that:

(a) Kickers may be authorized to assist in the recruitment, reserve affiliation, and retention of individuals into skills or specialties in which there are critical shortages or for which it is difficult to recruit or, in the case of critical units, to retain personnel.

(b) Transferability of education benefits may be used to promote recruitment and retention.

§ 65.5 Responsibilities.

(a) The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy (DASD(MPP)), under the authority, direction, and control of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness and Force Management, shall:

(1) Develop guidance and procedures for implementation and oversight of DoD authorities and responsibilities under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

(2) Coordinate administrative procedures of the Post-9/11 GI Bill with the